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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 February 2006.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1 and 4-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1 and 4-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 2/14/2006.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Priority

Applicant's claim to priority from PCT/US04/25593, filed 8/25/2004, and U.S. Provisional Application 60/498,146, filed on 8/27/2003, is hereby acknowledged.

Claim Objections

Claim 1 objected to because of the following informalities: it appears that the claim ends on page 1 after formula I in which it is written "...or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as sole active agent." However, it appears that Applicant inadvertently did not cross out two formulas on page 7. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections- 35 U.S.C. § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1 and 4-6 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hollander et al. (J Child Neur (2000); 15, 2, page 132-135) in view of Wong et al. (U.S. Patent 6,964,962).

Hollander et al. teach the beneficial treatment of autism spectrum disorders with venlafaxine, which is a potent norepinephrine/serotonin reuptake inhibitor (see entire document). The patients in the study met the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 4th edition (DSM-IV) criteria for pervasive developmental disorders including autism, Asperger's syndrome, and pervasive developmental disorders not otherwise specified (see Methods).

Hollander et al. does not specifically teach atomoxetine (tomoxetine) or the compounds of formula I.

Wong et al. teach that compounds such as tomoxetine, which like venlafaxine (also taught in Col. 6, line 1), is a norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor that is useful in treating central nervous system disorders such as autism (which falls under a pervasive developmental disorder as taught by Hollander et al.) and attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD; Col. 2, lines 6-16 and Col. 9, lines 43-56). The compound can be in the form of pharmaceutically effective salts such as hydrochloride (Col. 6, line 13).

Accordingly, it would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of Hollander et al., which teaches the treatment of autism spectrum disorders with the norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor venlafaxine, with the teachings of Wong et al. which teach norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors such as tomoxetine as being useful in treating central nervous system disorders, including autism and ADHD. In addition, from the teachings of Wong et al. that the compounds of the invention treat autism and ADHD, it would be obvious that the treatment regimen would treat both disorders if they occur together. One would be motivated to use

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atomoxetine to treat a pervasive developmental disorder, such as autism, with a reasonable expectation of success because of the teachings of Hollander et al. which teaches the usefulness of compounds that inhibit norepinephrine reuptake in treating autism spectrum disorders.

Conclusion

No claims are allowed.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Renee Claytor whose telephone number is 571-272-8394. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sreeni Padmanabhan can be reached on 571-272-0629. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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